

Camp Bird Mine Site Ouray, CO

Summer 2018

Background

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is conducting a removal action at the Camp Bird Mine Site in Ouray, Colorado.

The Camp Bird Mine Site contains three large tailings piles that are being actively eroded by three different streams. There are two large tailings deposits on the south side of Canyon Creek associated with historic milling activities that date back to the early 1900s. A third modern tailings pile is located on the north side of Canyon Creek and was last used for disposal in the late 1990s.

In 2017 Caldera Mineral Resources purchased the property and signed an agreement with EPA and the State of Colorado to start work to prevent the erosion the tailings deposits.



Cleanup Actions to Date:

EPA is implementing the following actions:

- Stabilized southeast historic tailings pile by regrading and pulling it away from Canyon Creek. The entire pile has been capped with topsoil.
- Stabilized upstream segment of Imogene Creek channels.

How can I get more information?

Visit EPA's website:

response.epa.gov/CampBird

If you have questions about the cleanup, please call:

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Next Steps:

- Reconstruct the river crossing in Imogene Creek and widen creek from the river crossing to the confluence.
- Widen and reconstruct the confluence of Imogene and Sneffels creeks.
- Widen and reconstruct Sneffels Creek.
- Widen and reconstruct Canyon Creek from the confluence to a point downstream of the historic tailings.
- Armor stream banks, construct erosion control features and establish vegetation in the constructed floodplain

Site personnel will be on site until the scheduled completion date of October 2018. For up-to-date information, the website on response.gov will have Notices with more detailed information added often.

